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Submitted herewith are the following documents for filing in the above-referenced application:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

- 1. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 (w/ attached Exhibits A-C, including a Petition for Two Month Extension of Time); and
  - 2. Check for \$205.00 (representing the extension fee).

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

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